



## WIND CAVE NATIONAL PARK ENVIRONMENTAL and SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

Wind Cave National Park is committed to protecting and preserving its natural, cultural, and archeological resources through environmental stewardship as mandated by the Organic Act of 1916 and the Park's Enabling Legislation. This commitment includes energy, water, solid waste, chemical use, and greenhouse gas reductions (collectively called sustainability) as required by two federal Executive Orders and Department of the Interior and National Park Service policy.

We will accomplish this through implementation of an Environmental Management System and Sustainability Plan, led by an "Environmental Management Team" composed of park staff. The focus will be on continuous improvement, pollution prevention, and regulatory compliance, strongly related to our significant activities and impacts.

Our staff, volunteers, and contractors will be expected to follow our environmental, pollution prevention, energy reduction, and related procedures and programs, examining and conducting their operations and activities in a professionally sound manner, effectively and efficiently complying with the letter, spirit, and intent of applicable environmental regulations, standards, executive orders, and policies related to sustainability. In addition, park staff will strive to be practical and innovative in its thinking, and use positive behavior in order to exhibit leadership in this area and serve as role models for other parks, park partners, and the community.

Our sustainability policy and plan will be communicated to all employees, volunteers, contractors, and other interested parties. Managers will insure that all operational decisions and activities adhere to this policy and the EMS/plan. The Superintendent, management team, and employees are united in accepting the responsibility for working together to achieve the goals of this policy and plan. The Environmental Management Team will lead the process by providing leadership and securing the necessary funding and resources.

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Superintendent: Vidal Davila 1/17/13